Prosecutors Cautioned On Trial Data Releases

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 28 (UPI)—District Attorneys in Wisconsin have been advised by State Attorney General Bronson La Follette to critically evaluate information they release to news media concerning pending criminal cases.

La Follette cautioned the prosecutors yesterday at the midwinter Attorney General's conference of District Attorneys to "be mindful of your obligations to ensure a fair trial for the accused by not releasing prejudicial information to the press in advance of trials in sensational criminal cases."

Questioned by a newsman later, La Follette said he based his advice to the District Attorneys on the fact the question of pretrial publicity is being evaluated by members of the legal profession throughout the Nation.

He cited the Philadelphia Bar Association's restriction on any comments at all by prosecutors on pending trials, but said he personally would not favor such a move in Wisconsin.

La Follette said: "A District Attorney has the duty to convict, but to convict fairly. Oftentimes newspaper headlines go to an attorney's head."

Neo-Fascist Arrested

GENOA, Italy, Jan. 28 (UPI)—Police arrested a Genoa Neo-Fascist, Romano Fassio, last night in connection with the bombing of Christian Democratic Party headquarters in Rome on Nov. 16. Fassio, 36, was an unsuccessful candidate for the Genoa City Council in a recent election.